

1 **IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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3 Applicant Microsoft Corporation
4 Attorney's Docket No. MS1-486US
5 Title: Methods And Arrangements For Providing Non-Modal Reminder
6 Information In A Graphical User Interface

7 **DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

8 As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

9 My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to
10 my name.

11 I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed
12 below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the
13 subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention
14 entitled "Methods And Arrangements For Providing Non-Modal Reminder
15 Information In A Graphical User Interface," the specification of which is attached
16 hereto.

17 I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified
18 specification, including the claims.

19 I hereby claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States Provisional
20 Application 60/171212, filed December 15, 1999 (Applicant's Docket Number
21 149398.1, entitled "Password Hint Reminder Balloon").

22 I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the
23 examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal
24 Regulations, § 1.56(a).

25 PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS: no applications for foreign patents or
 inventor's certificates have been filed prior to the date of execution of this
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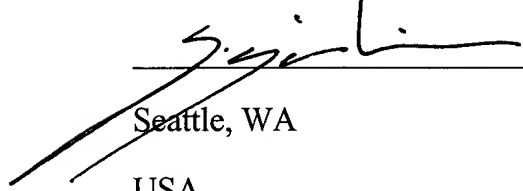
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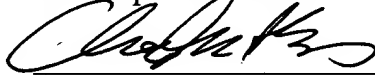
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